

Oppose Bill 69

Aloha Budget Committee Chair and Members,

There are better ways to support The Bus without compromising our priceless scenic environment. This form of distracting visual intrusion to pedestrians and drivers has been shown through a number of nationwide studies, to cause decreased concentration and overall compromised mental well being.

Since we sell our island as a health destination, and pride ourselves on our spirit of Aloha, why destroy the very commodity that keeps people wanting to visit our islands and to live in the beauty of Hawai'i. Instead, we ought to ask ourselves what is the price of beauty and a stable peace of mind?

Instead of pushing the Caldwell Bill, our mayor's office ought to be empowering our city transportation workers to effectively manage our public transportation system. Since so many of our visitors now ride the system, shouldn't HTA and other tourism related entities contribute to our ridership service?

The Outdoor Circle urges you not to weaken or degrade our valuable spirit of Aloha by accepting this budgetary idea. There are better ways to support The Bus without compromising our visual environment.

We ask that you please defer this bill for further discussion regarding the current amendments.

Mahalo,

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